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## PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS.

### CORRECTION.

In the supplement to Public Health Reports No. 38, September 18, 1903, entitled "Precis on the Management of Outbreaks of Smallpox, Diphtheria, and Scarlet Fever," the last line on page 10 and the first line on page 11, instead of reading "For the production of formaldehyde gas from wood alcohol 24 ounces of wood alcohol should be oxidized for each 100 cubic feet of air space," should read 1,000 cubic feet of air space.

[Reports to the Surgeon-General, Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service.]

*Summary of work in Chinatown for the week ended October 31.*

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., November 2, 1903.

WYMAN, *Washington:*

Following is record of work in Chinatown for week ended October 31:

Buildings reinspected.....	245
Rooms .....	1,926
Persons inspected .....	2,430
Sick .....	33
Sick prescribed for at Oriental Dispensary .....	11
Dead examined .....	9
Necropsies .....	2
Provisional diagnosis of plague .....	1
Rats examined bacteriologically .....	62
Number showing pest infection.....	1
Places limed and disinfected .....	1,001
Times streets swept.....	3
Sewers flushed .....	17
Notices to abate plumbing nuisance.....	15
Nuisances abated.....	9
Nuisances undergoing abatement .....	18
Total number plumbing inspections .....	76

BLUE.

*Transactions on account of yellow fever at Laredo and San Antonio.*

EL PASO.

EL PASO, TEX., October 31, 1903.

WYMAN, *Washington:*

Tabor to-day wired Justice, State does not require fumigation Mexican Central trains here. Justice has communicated information to Mexican authorities, and fumigation probably will be discontinued to-morrow. Weather here cool; good frost last night.

LUMSDEN.

EL PASO, TEX., *November 1, 1903.*WYMAN, *Washington:*

Mexican superior board health has directed Samanigo to continue fumigation Mexican Central trains. Tabor wires Texas does not require it. Fumigation lasts few minutes only, therefore it does not interfere with our inspection of passengers.

LUMSDEN.

LAREDO.

LAREDO, TEX., *October 29, 1903.*WYMAN, *Washington:*

New cases 6, old cases discovered 1, total reported to-day 7, deaths 1, 27 houses disinfected, with 131 rooms; 256 containers and 13 excavations oiled; 69 premises inspected; 27 faucets put in water barrels; 32 barrels crude oil sprinkled on vacant lots and intervening streets, covering 55 city blocks; 25,000 square feet standing water oiled. Maximum temperature, 85°; minimum, 59°; weather close and sultry. Ten frontier guards in Zapata County discharged yesterday. New Laredo reported 3 new cases yesterday. No cases or deaths to-day. No report from Minera or Connel.

GUITERAS.

LAREDO, TEX., *October 30, 1903.*WYMAN, *Washington:*

New cases 9, old cases discovered 6, total reported to-day 15, deaths 4; 62 houses disinfected, with 169 rooms; 242 containers, 3 excavations, and 10,000 square feet standing water oiled; 210 premises inspected; 95 sprinkled; 19 faucets put in water barrels; 22 barrels crude oil sprinkled on vacant lots and intervening streets, covering 62 city blocks. Maximum temperature, 86°; minimum, 67°. Superintendent at Minera reported down with yellow fever yesterday—had been in Laredo day before. No cases at Connel. New Laredo reports 2 new cases.

GUITERAS.

LAREDO, TEX., *October 30, 1903.*WYMAN, *Washington:*

About 40 enlisted men are to be discharged from Fort McIntosh from November 15 to December 1 in batches of two or three at a time. Detention camp at Sanchez will be practically suspended Monday, November 2. Would like to arrange with the Secretary of War to discharge all on November 15. Special cars could be arranged here with medical inspector and quarantine guards to take them to Texas boundary after five days' quarantine detention within Fort McIntosh Reservation; otherwise these men will remain about town, exposed to infection.

GUITERAS.

LAREDO, TEX., *October 31, 1903.*WYMAN, *Washington:*

New cases 3, old cases 4, total reported to-day 7, deaths 1; 52 houses disinfected with 147 rooms, 437 containers oiled, 274 premises inspected, 65 sprinkled, 29 faucets put in water barrels, 28 barrels crude oil

sprinkled on vacant lots and intervening streets covering 58 city blocks. Maximum temperature  $79^{\circ}$ , minimum  $66^{\circ}$ . At my suggestion city council passed ordinance to-day requiring all barrels and water containers to be covered with oil under penalty for violation, and giving Service officers right to enter premises and houses for oiling and disinfection purposes. City officials are giving us efficient aid. Connel reports a case to-day; no report from Minera or New Laredo.

GUITERAS.

LAREDO, TEX., *November 1, 1903.*

WYMAN, *Washington:*

New cases 5, old cases discovered 6, total reported to-day 11, deaths 2; 52 houses disinfected with 116 rooms, 549 containers and 5 excavations oiled, 132 premises sprinkled, 326 inspected, 27 faucets put in water barrels, 14 barrels crude oil sprinkled on vacant lots and intervening streets covering 60 city blocks. Maximum temperature  $82^{\circ}$ , minimum  $47^{\circ}$ . Hundreds of laborers are returning to town from cotton fields; these afford new material for the disease. State attorney-general has rendered an opinion that there is no law to prevent their coming. Nine frontier guards discharged yesterday. No new cases reported at New Laredo; no reports from Minera or Connel.

GUITERAS.

LAREDO, TEX., *November 1, 1903.*

WYMAN, *Washington:*

Busily engaged in diagnosing and treating cases. Earnestly tried to save several critical cases with success in some; have been too busy to telegraph.

MURRAY.

LAREDO, TEX., *November 2, 1903.*

WYMAN, *Washington:*

New cases, 5; old cases, 4; total reported to-day, 9; deaths, 9; 56 houses disinfected, with 156 rooms. Report from one crew lacking. Three hundred and twenty-one containers and 6 excavations oiled, 188 premises inspected, 48 sprinkled, 16 faucets put in water barrels, 34 barrels of crude oil sprinkled on vacant lots and intervening streets, covering 51 city blocks. Maximum temperature,  $81^{\circ}$ ; minimum,  $47^{\circ}$ . No cases or deaths reported from New Laredo. Murray went to Connel to investigate 2 suspicious cases. State detention camp at Sanchez and on Texas-Mexican road practically closed to-day.

GUITERAS.

LAREDO, TEX., *November 3, 1903*

WYMAN, *Washington:*

New cases 6 and old cases 12; total reported 18. No deaths. Of the old cases reported some are so old that a positive diagnosis is impossible. Sixty-six houses disinfected, with 169 rooms. Yesterday's missing report was 10 houses, with 29 rooms; 283 containers and 4 excavations oiled, 227 premises inspected and 67 sprinkled, 25 faucets put in barrels, 45 barrels crude oil sprinkled on vacant lots

and intervening streets, covering 80 city blocks. Maximum temperature,  $78^{\circ}$ ; minimum,  $57^{\circ}$ . One case reported at Connel; no report from New Laredo.

GUITERAS.

LAREDO, TEX., *November 3, 1903.*

WYMAN, *Washington:*

Visited Connel mine at Darwin, 2d; 1 new, 1 convalescent; no focus. Management claims illicit contact with Columbia, Mexico. No cases at Minera. Darwin houses will be fumigated daily for a week.

MURRAY.

SAN ANTONIO.

SAN ANTONIO, TEX., *October 29, 1903.*

WYMAN, *Washington:*

One case in sixth day of disease and 2 deaths reported to-day. Temperature last twenty-four hours,  $56^{\circ}$  and  $70^{\circ}$ .

RICHARDSON.

SAN ANTONIO, TEX., *October 30, 1903.*

WYMAN, *Washington:*

No case and no death reported to-day; temperature last twenty-four hours,  $56^{\circ}$  and  $72^{\circ}$ . House-to-house canvass begun by local board to-day. Will take five days to complete. Cold wave predicted.

RICHARDSON.

SAN ANTONIO, TEX., *October 31, 1903.*

WYMAN, *Washington:*

One case in fifth day of disease; no death reported to-day. Temperature last twenty-four hours,  $64^{\circ}$  and  $80^{\circ}$ .

RICHARDSON.

SAN ANTONIO, TEX., *November 1, 1903.*

WYMAN, *Washington:*

No case; 1 death reported to-day. Temperature last twenty-four hours,  $76^{\circ}$  and  $47^{\circ}$ . One death, Dewitt County; case reported my telegram October 26.

RICHARDSON.

SAN ANTONIO, TEX., *November 2, 1903.*

WYMAN, *Washington:*

Two cases; no deaths to-day. Temperatures last twenty-four hours,  $50^{\circ}$  and  $76^{\circ}$ . State quarantine modified to allow travel to north and west Texas.

RICHARDSON.

SAN ANTONIO, TEX., *November 3, 1903.*

WYMAN, *Washington:*

No case and no deaths reported to-day. Temperatures last twenty-four hours,  $50^{\circ}$  and  $74^{\circ}$ .

RICHARDSON.